

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 3, 2024

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrating Black Catholic History Month

This weekend, we revisit remarks made by Linda L. Gray at the plaque dedication on Juneteenth in 2024.

My name is Linda L. Gray and I am a member of Epiphany Catholic Church. My Great Grandmother was Mary Jane Thomas. She was a member of Holy Trinity and she is buried at Holy Rood Cemetery. She married Benjamin Williams. He was a member of Mt. Zion AME. They had 8 children, all baptized at Holy Trinity. The oldest was Dorothy Williams, my grandmother. My grandmother married Lester Harris Sr. They raised 11 children at Epiphany. All my life I knew that my grandmother, like other family of members of Epiphany who are here with us today, were founding members of Epiphany and pillars of the church. They built and created an environment where religious freedom was no longer questioned or challenged.

It is so meaningful that we celebrate the religious freedom of our Black ancestors on Juneteenth. It is significant to me personally because my knowledge of the real story was limited. I knew that the segregation and racial practices condoned by the Catholic Church were the reasons Epiphany was built. I knew the mechanics of the story. I knew that this was a church we never thought about attending and that Black Catholics had no reason to be here. My Grandmother never discussed in detail what happened here. We were past it, had our own and we thrived as a church community for decades. It's quite normal to shield children from harsh realities.





A few years ago, I met Peter Albert and the members of the Social Justice Committee because they were involved in telling the story of Holy Trinity's racial past. My mother shared information and documents, and we became involved in the project. Two years ago, my mother and I participated in the Pilgrimage. We visited Holy Rood Cemetery where some of my relatives are buried and then came to the church, which was the first time I had ever set foot in Holy Trinity. I will not go into detail what that experience was because everyone needs to have the experience but it involves putting yourself in the moment of time when there was no religious freedom for Black parishioners.

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DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 8:00 AM — Chapel 5:30 PM — Chapel SATURDAY: 8:00 AM — Chapel SATURDAY (VIGIL): 5:30 PM — Church SUNDAY: 7:30 AM — Church 9:00 AM — Church, Trinity Hall, and Livestream 11:30 AM — Church 5:30 PM — Church

SACRAMENT OF Saturdays, 4:30 - 5:15 PM — Church RECONCILIATION:

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I could only think of my grandmother, a pillar of Epiphany and what she endured as a child and young adult at this church. It took me to a place where I felt anger, disgust, shame... I had some serious processing to do.

While I was processing all of that, I realized that Father Kevin and the Social Justice Committee here had to go through the same emotions of anger, embarrassment, and shame to have the courage to expose the truth. This truth is ugly and painful. That saying, *the truth shall set you free* - it does. The truth hurts, it does. But the truth also has the power to heal. In my processing this is where my healing begins and I'm still healing.

Had I not learned the hidden truth of the treatment of Black parishioners at Holy Trinity I wouldn't have the newfound appreciation of the founding members of Epiphany. I see my grandmother in a new light. She was not just a pillar of the church. She and the other founding members were warriors, with unwavering faith. These were the people who exemplified, *We walk by faith and not by sight*. These are the people who stepped out on faith with no place to go.

There was no church structure to move in to. It had to be built, and they held Mass wherever (in homes, in black-owned businesses in Georgetown, anywhere but here.) These are the people who believed that God would make a way out of no way. Their strength and resilience is a beautiful story that cannot be hidden, that must be told and must be celebrated appropriately.

In 2016, we dedicated a plaque that recognized Epiphany as a church built by Blacks in order to worship freely. Former members of Epiphany celebrated with us. Our pastor was Monsignor Mosley. It was not considered a church moment by the entire congregation. The picture of the dedication shows one white person in the group picture. She was a co-benefactor along with my mother of the plaque. A few stayed on the sidewalk and in retrospect I know they were being respectful thinking that this was a moment for the ancestors and their descendants. They did join us at the reception and had a great time with our guests. However, most of the white parishioners walked out of church and walked away. It was embarrassing and disrespectful to our pastor who was Black, but it was also a realization and quite the reminder that most don't know anything about the history of Epiphany.

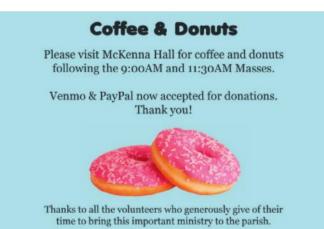
Over the years we have embraced other communities in our church. We would be hypocrites if we didn't. We enjoyed a French community for many years who always participated in our church bazaars. We have a Lithuanian community, and our most recent community to join is our Korean community.

While all things change, institutional knowledge should never be lost. The history of Epiphany should always be celebrated because it is a story of great faith. Next year Epiphany will celebrate its 100th anniversary, and it is my hope that the story of resilience, strength, faith, and church community will be demonstrated throughout the year and that Holy Trinity will be a part of our celebration.

Thank you for the invitation and for making the dedication of the plaque on Juneteenth. Thank you to the entire Social Justice Committee for the work, the research, and the time it has taken to create this day. This is another emotional moment, but it is one of joy.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE FOR THE NATION Friday, November 8 | 7:00 PM, Church

On November 8, Father Gillespie will lead an ecumenical service, as we come together after the election to pray for peace and unity in this divided nation.



PARENT SOCIAL & SHARING SESSION

Sunday, November 3 | 10:15 AM, Trinity Hall Parents of children in Holy Trinity RE programs, parents of children at Holy Trinity School, and parents whose children receive their formation at other Catholic schools or spaces are all warmly invited to a social and conversation this Sunday from 10:15 -11:00 am in Trinity Hall. Come meet other parents, share about your own faith experience, and let us know how we can better support you. Brian Flanagan, who is on staff as a consultant in adult faith formation, will facilitate the session. Coffee, tea, and pastries will be served!

VISIT WITH SOCIAL JUSTICE PARTNERS

Sunday, November 3 | After the 9:00AM and 11:30AM Masses, McKenna Hall

Social Justice welcomes tithe recipients and community partners during hospitality hours. Today, we welcome So Others Might Eat, Think Peace, San Miguel School, and Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem Foundation.

ALL SOULS EVENING PRAYER

Monday, November 4 | 7:00 PM, Church

The Church remembers all of the faithful departed during the month of November. Please join the parish community for a sung Evening Prayer. Fellowship will follow in McKenna Hall. All are invited to bring a framed photograph of any deceased friends and loved ones to Evening Prayer. If you are unable to attend on November 4, please bring a photograph the weekend of Nov. 2/3 to be remembered in our liturgies during November. Photographs will be available for retrieval beginning on November 24. Please label the backs of all photos with your name and e-mail address.

YAC MASS

Sunday, November 10 | 7:15 PM, Chapel followed by McKenna Hall

The Young Adult Community will hold its November Mass on Sunday, November 10 at 7:15 pm in St Ignatius Chapel. All those in their 20s and 30s are invited to attend and join the potluck in McKenna Hall afterwards. For more information about the Young Adult Community, please go to trinity.org/ young-adults.

VIOLENCE PREVENTION IN YOUTH

Sunday, November 10 | 10:15AM, Trinity Hall The Social Justice Committee welcomes Tia Bell, MA, founder of the T.R.I.G.G.E.R Project, and Professor Eduardo Ferrer, Policy Director of the Juvenile Justice Initiative. Gun violence is the number one cause of death for youth in our country. It does not have to be this way. Join us in connecting with community partners working on this issue, raising awareness of the root causes & risk factors that perpetuate gun violence among youth, and learning more about the role you can play in strengthening and spreading the ecosystem seeking to prevent such violence.

INFORMATION SESSION: THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES Saturday, November 16 | 11:00 AM, Zoom

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola are one way to come to love as God loves. Throughout an 8-9 month retreat made in daily life, the retreatant can grow in self-knowledge, deepen their intimacy with Jesus, and grow in their practice of discernment

of spirits. Join us for an hour conversation about this gift that God gave the church through St. Ignatius. Contact Dan Cardinali at retreats+Dan@trinity.org for the link to the online session.



ADVENT SCRIPTURE STUDY

This Advent Holy Trinity is offering scripture study groups to explore the two major stories of Jesus' birth from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Groups will meet on the following days:

- Sundays 4:00 5:15 pm in person
- Mondays 7:00 8:15 pm on Zoom
- Fridays 8:45 10:00 am in person

Please register online by Monday, November 18 by scanning the QR code at right. Groups will meet three times beginning the week of Sunday, December 1, and will continue meeting the next two weeks of Advent. Please e-mail Brian Flanagan at bflanagan@trinity.org with any questions.



HOLY TRINITY STUDENT REFLECTS ON VENERABLE AUGUSTUS TOLTON

From Katy Williams, HTS Principal: Each year as November approaches, I feel especially lucky to be a religion teacher. The combination of All Saints Day, All Souls Day, and Black Catholic History Month gives me such rich opportunities to expand my students' knowledge of both their faith and the world around them. The Archdiocese of Washington recommends saints to highlight in each year of Catholic education, in order that students learn of both greater and lesser-known saints, the process of becoming a saint, and the wide range of pathways towards sainthood. In the middle grades, each year one of those saints we focus on is part of the group of holy men and women we refer to as the Six for Sainthood. As we launch this month into a celebration of the holiness, and a recognition of the courage, of these men and women, I asked 6th grade Holy Trinity School student, Nathan Silver, to reflect on what we can learn from the life of Venerable Augustus Tolton:

Penerable Augustus Tolton was born into a Catholic family as a slave in Missouri on April 1, 1854. In 1862, at the age 8, he escaped from

slavery and devoted himself to a life of faith in Christ. He traveled to Rome and became a priest. After some time, he journeyed back to America, becoming the first African American ordained to the priesthood in America. During his life, he faced much discrimination. An example of this challenge is that while



attempting to enter priesthood, every American seminary rejected him because of his race. Earlier, while attending an all-white Catholic high school, many of his peers would not come to school in protest against him.

At the age of 43, in Chicago, on July 8, 1897, he collapsed in a heat wave. He was rushed to Mercy Hospital and passed the next day. During his life, he became the first African American priest in America, braved through discrimination, and opened a door for African Americans and people of other races to become priests and leaders. We learn from him that transformation is possible from suffering. We humbly thank him for all he has done for us and all African Americans. Without him, Christianity would not be the same. *- Nathan Silver, HTS 6th grader*

MOVIE MOMENTS OF GRACE - THE HOLDOVERS

Friday, November 22 7:30PM Zoom

Join the discussion of The Holdovers, a funny, warm, poignant drama in which Paul Giamatti stars as a curmudgeonly teacher who is stuck with the task of supervising an ill-behaved student who



is abandoned by his parents over Christmas and "held over" at his boarding school in New England. Watch ahead of time - see streaming option sat *trinity*. *org/ignatian-spirituality/movie-moments*. RSVP to *htmmog@gmail.com* by **Wednesday**, **November 20** at 10 pm to receive the link to the Zoom discussion.

HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Saturday, November 23 | 10:00 AM, McKenna Hall The Bereavement Ministry will be hosting a "Hope for the Holidays" grief session on Saturday, November 23. Memories are the strongest during the holidays. The loss of a loved one is difficult at any time, but holiday rituals and traditions can make it an especially stressful time. Joy is in the air, yet we may not feel it. Join us as we provide a space for grieving individuals while offering hope and comfort.

You are not alone. We are a community here to support you during what may be a difficult time. Please register by scanning the QR code at right:



EMMANUEL: GOD WITH US: AN IGNATIAN RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE December 8 - 14, 2024

Registration Deadline: November 24, 2024

Allow God to prepare your heart for the celebration of the arrival of Jesus into our world, Be accompanied by Mary, Elizabeth and Joseph as you are invited to live

in hope, patiently waiting for God's promise of self-giving love to be made known in your daily life. For more information and to register, please scan the QR code at right:



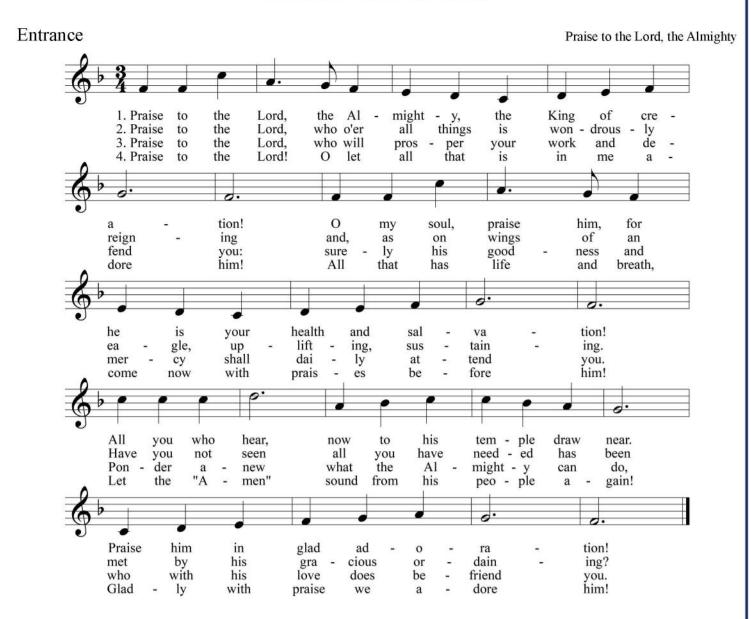
HTS SEEKS HEALTH OFFICE SUBSTITUTE

Holy Trinity School is in search of a substitute for our health office on an as-needed basis. Please contact *principal@htsdc.org* if you are interested.

THE ORDER OF CELEBRATION

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Saturday, 5:30 PM Sunday, 9:00 AM & 11:30 AM



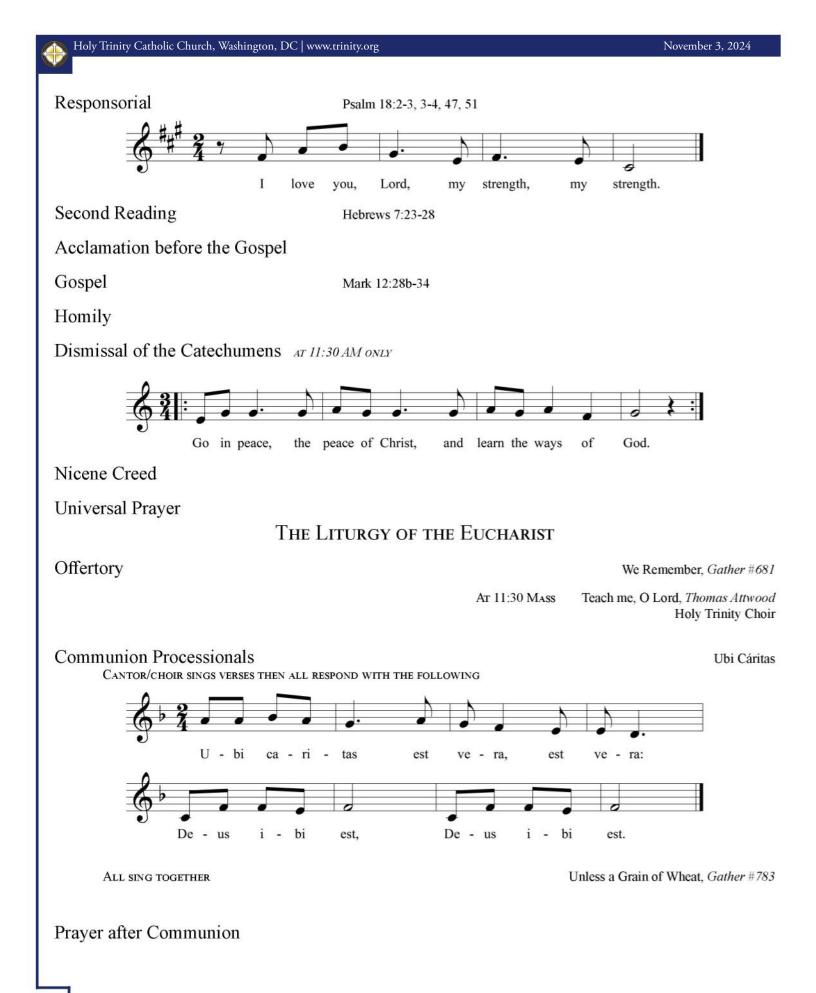
Penitential Act

Glory to God~Mass of Saint Frances Cabrini found in hymnal supplement in the pews Collect

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Deuteronomy 6:2-6



THE CONCLUDING RITES

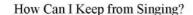
Announcements

Blessing and Dismissal



THE CONCLUDING PROCESSIONAL FOR THE 9:00 AM MASS IS FOUND ON THE NEXT PAGE

AT 9:00 AM MASS





MUSIC ACKNOWLEDGMENTS Entrance-Praise to the Lord, the Almighty text by Joachim Neander, 1650-1680, tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878. Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN. Responsorial-Psalm 18 by Michel Guimont, © 1994, GIA Publications, Inc. Dismissal of the Catechumens-Go in Peace by Marty Haugen, © 1997, GIA Publications, Inc. Communion Processional-Ubi Cáritas by Bob Hurd, © 1996, 2004, Bob Hurd. Published by Oregon Catholic Press. Concluding Processional-Love Divine, All Loves Excelling text by Charles Wesley, 1707-1788 Tune: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887; How Can I Keep from Singing? text by Robert Lowry, 1826-1899, Tune: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING. Selections used with permission under OneLicense.net A-701277.

DOES THE CHURCH PERMIT CREMATION?

Yes! In 2016, the Vatican issued guidelines clarifying that the church does indeed permit cremation with the following caveats:

- •The cremated remains must be kept together, not divided:
- •The cremated remains should be entombed in a cemetery, not scattered or retained.

The growing popularity of cremation and the rise of requests to scatter ashes in nature led the Vatican to update its guidelines in 2023. The updated guidelines provide that:

•The majority of the cremated remains must be placed in a sacred space, such as a church or cemetery, but families may retain a small portion of the remains to be kept in a personal place of significance;

•Cremated remains should not be scattered, they should be treated with sacred respect and kept in a place suitable for prayer;

•Cremated remains can be comingled in a communal urn, but the identity of each deceased person must be designated in a marker.

With the church's cremation policy in mind, in 2019 Holy Trinity restored historic Holy Rood Cemetery, constructing a columbarium there to hold the cremated remains of parishioners and others. Consistent with Vatican policy, entombments of cremated remains in the columbarium are overseen by Holy Trinity staff members.

To date, approximately 75% of the 645 columbarium niches at the columbarium have been sold. Each niche holds two urns. To obtain further details about the Holy Trinity columbarium, or to purchase a niche, visit www.holytrinitycolumbarium.org, or call 202-903-2801.

BE A TURKEY TROTTER!

Help turn Thanksgiving into a day of gratitude and action! The Turkey Trot is the largest community event to fight hunger, poverty, and homelessness in DC. Your registration fees cover participation costs and a tax-deductible donation, too. Proceeds from the 5K benefit thousands of homeless families, single adults, the elderly, veterans, and people suffering from mental health concerns, by providing much-needed food,

clothing, healthcare access, employment training, and long-term comprehensive addiction treatment programs. Donate or register at the QR code at right:



MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 4, 2024

MONDAY	8:00 AM	Pres. Biden, Family & Country
	5:30 PM	Norman Odyniec +
TUESDAY	8:00 AM	Buz Gorman +
	5:30 PM	Virgil Huber +
WEDNESDAY	8:00 AM	Stephen C. Matula +
	5:30 PM	Michael Syphax +
THURSDAY	8:00 AM	Gail Umphlett +
	5:30 PM	Robert Gillanders +
FRIDAY	8:00 AM	Margaret Del Bene +
	5:30 PM	Elizabeth Schoenecker +
SATURDAY	8:00 AM	

DAILY READINGS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Deuteronomy 6:2-6 | Hebrews 7:23-28 | Mark 12:28b-34

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

MEMORIAL OF SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO Philippians 2:1-4 | Luke 14:12-14

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

TUESDAY OF THE THIRTY-FIRST WEEK IN O.T. Philippians 2:5-11 | Luke 14:15-24

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

WEDNESDAY OF THE THIRTY-FIRST WEEK IN O.T. Philippians 2:12-18 | Luke 14:25-33

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

THURSDAY OF THE THIRTY-FIRST WEEK IN O.T. Philippians 3:3-8A | Luke 15:1-10

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

FRIDAY OF THE THIRTY-FIRST WEEK IN O.T. Philippians 3:17-4:1 | Luke 16:1-8

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 | John 2:13-22

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Jesuit Catholic parish that welcomes all to accompany one another in Christ, celebrate God's love and transform lives.

New Parishioner Registration

Welcome to Holy Trinity! We invite you to join our parish. You may register at *www.trinity.org/register* or scan the QR code using your phone:



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process of conversion and faith formation for individuals who are interested in living the Christian life in the Catholic tradition. Those who want to learn more about the possibility of becoming Catholic are welcome to come to the Inquiry meetings held every Tuesday evening at 7pm in the Faber Room, Holy Trinity Parish Center. Please contact Anne Koester at *akoester@trinity.org* or (202) 903-2825. Holy Trinity also offers RCIA adapted for children and youth who are not Baptized (ages 7 through high school). Please contact Anne Marie Kaufmann at *akaufmann@trinity.org* (202) 903-2832 for more information.

LGBTQIA+ MINISTRY

Holy Trinity's commitment to accompany one another in Christ invites us to be more deeply aware of the diversity of our community and more welcoming to those who are marginalized by society or the Church. Our lay-led ministry embraces individuals who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning/queer, intersex, asexual and their families and friends. More information and upcoming meetings can be found at *www.trinity.org/lgtbqia* or by emailing *LGBTQIA@trinity.org.*

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

PPC members share leadership responsibility with our pastor. As advisors to the pastor, PPC members assist the pastor in discerning, articulating and communicating to other parishioners the identity and mission of the parish, and they assist the pastor in assuring fidelity to that identity and mission. Contact PPC President Gail Louis at *parishcouncil@trinity.org* with any questions.

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